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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by applicant's disclosure of prior art in United States Patent Number 4,822,997 to Fuller et al.

Fuller discloses in figure 3 a connector for attaching an energy delivery device comprising:

- A handle portion (114);
- An energy transfer attachment for transferring energy from an energy generator to an energy delivery device, extending from handle portion (118b);
- A contact pad plane defined on connector parallel to longitudinal axis (118); and
- At least one contact pad having a contact surface on a flange portion, wherein a
 line through the contact surface and perpendicular to said contact plane is skew to
 said longitudinal axis (118 has a contact surface).

As to claim 2, section 118 is a flange extending from the barrel of the connector.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-5 and 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art made of record fails to explicitly disclose or

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reasonably suggest a contact pad accessible through a flange extending from a barrel of a energy deliver connector.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art made of record fails to explicitly disclose or reasonably suggest a contact pad
located on a flange portion that comes in conductive contact with a conductive portion of an
energy generator. Therefore claims 10-22 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Wong whose telephone number is 703-305-4741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 830AM - 430PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney Bovernick can be reached on 703-308-4819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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